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CAMPAIGN '98: A 1st LOOK AT U.S. SENATE RACE.

Editor's note: There's some new polling data on U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer(D) and her '98 race for reelection in Feb. 10th's S.F. Examiner. Here's our brief update & analysis...

...The poll for the Examiner was done Feb. 2 - 4 by Mason-Dixon Political/Media Research among 811 registered voters in Calif. It shows Boxer's reelect number at **44%** (anything less than 50% is an indication of vulnerability), but the data also shows Boxer defeating all of her potential GOP opponents by double-digits. As for her job performance rating, it's up 9-pts.(from last September) to **45%** (excellent or good) vs. **31%** poor, with 24% fair and 6% undecided. In terms of name ID, Boxer stands at 99%. That breaks down this way: 46% favorable, 33% unfavorable, 20% neutral and 1% don't recognize her name...

...The new poll only matched Boxer against 4 potential GOP rivals: Treasurer Matt Fong, San Diego Mayor Susan Golding and U.S. Reps. Chris Cox of Orange Co. and David Dreier of Covina. In addition to the above, our sources have IDed U.S. Reps. Dana Rohrabacher of Orange Co. and Jerry Lewis of Riverside as possible GOP primary candidates...

...Of the 4 GOPers in the poll, Fong has the best name ID with 65% and he has a \$1.2 million war chest as of 12/31/96 (fyi: we don't know yet how much of this money meets the federal guidelines). Cox has a war chest of \$674,237, with statewide name ID at 28%. Dreier has a war chest of \$2.7 million and name ID of 26%. Golding's name ID is at 43%, but as **Calpeek** readers know, she's got big problems in her backyard with this NFL/stadium expansion brouhaha. If a Republican primary election were held today among these 4, here's the order of finish: Fong 22%, Golding 17%, Dreier 5% and Cox 4%, with 52% undecided. The

GOP sample was based on 231 voters. With such a large undecided, the GOP primary is up for grabs...

...In the 1-on-1 matches with Boxer, here's how the Examiner poll looked:

- ◆ Boxer 47% vs. Fong 32%
- ◆ Boxer 49% vs. Golding 29%
- ◆ Boxer 50% vs. Dreier 26%
- Boxer 51% vs. Cox 25%

...FYI: based upon this new poll with the individual match ups, Boxer is in better shape than many Demo insiders previously thought. But early conventional wisdom still points to a very tough reelection for Boxer, especially if she were to face either Fong or Golding. Politically, her campaign war chest stands at just over \$1 million cash-on-hand. Terry New is Boxer's finance director and the Demo lawmaker is again using Greer, Margolis et al as her media consultant. Stay tuned...

L.A. CITY ELECTION: MAYOR & CITY ATTORNEY.

Editor's note: With about 7 weeks to go until the April 8th municipal primary in the nation's 2nd largest city, the pace of campaign activity is beginning to show some signs of life. Here's our update & analysis...

...The Mayor's race first. The most recent L.A. Times survey (Jan. 29 to Feb. 2 among 854 registered and likely voters) shows L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan leading State Sen. Tom Hayden(D-L.A.) by a margin of **54%** to **26%**, with **20%** undecided. Riordan's also got a **57%** job approval rating and 71% of those surveyed used words such as *honesty* and *integrity* to describe him. And 58% view him as the candidate who can best promote prosperity. (Hayden gets 19%)...

...But the **big negative** for Riordan is in the area of race

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relations. Hayden is seen as a healer by a margin of 41% to 29%. In fact, Hayden's main base of support in this election is L.A.'s Black community...

...Up to this point, Hayden really hasn't made a case for ousting Riordan, while the mayor has been pounding Hayden for missing nearly 5,000 legislative votes since '89. Despite the huge fundraising advantage Riordan now has (\$2.4 million vs. \$22,016 for Hayden), the issue which could explode any day now centers on whether the L.A. Police Commission will reappoint Chief Willie Williams to a second 5-year term. This is a Riordan-appointed commission and our sources say Williams doesn't have a single vote for reappointment, nor does he have the necessary 10 votes on the city council to overturn the commission. Hayden has publicly endorsed a 2nd term for Williams, while Riordan has remained silent. How do L.A. voters view Williams? 58% want him to have a 2nd term vs. 26% who say NO. The chief's job approval rating is at 66%. Bottomline: Hayden has the potential to close the gap with Riordan on this issue...

...The City Attorney's race. Challenger Ted Stein faces an uphill battle to oust incumbent Jim Hahn. The latest LAT survey show Hahn leading Stein by a margin of **52% to 13%**, with **35%** undecided. But Stein has raised more money (just under \$800,000 cash on hand vs. \$310,000 c-o-h for Hahn). Stein won't take matching funds and will exceed the spending limit. He'll need a \$1 million just to draw even with Hahn...

...As the challenger, Stein has criticized Hahn's endorsement of Chief Williams (Stein says Hahn should have stayed neutral); and has hit Hahn for accepting contributions from his staff. Both accusations have made ink. On the other hand, Stein has been hit with negative coverage in connection with the hiring of Web Hubbell, the former Asst. AG now in prison, who was Hillary Clinton's law partner. Hubbell was hired as a lobbyist by then Airport Commission President Stein to help the city on airport-related matters. It's obvious from the hits now being FAXed to political reporters by Hahn that he plans to hammer Stein on this issue...

...FYI: Political insiders are anxious to see what Stein media whiz Bob Shrum will come up with in terms of a tv campaign. For Stein to close the gap, he'll need an excellent creative effort by Shrum. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: FOLLOWING THE CAMPAIGN MONEY.

Editor's note: Because of Prop. 208's new provision against raising campaign contributions until early June (12 months before the June '98 primary), around 20 individuals who are testing the waters for '98 went on a massive fundraising binge just prior to Dec. 31st --- to get as much money in the bank under the old rules before 208 took effect. In this report we'll list the names of the candidates by statewide office and the amount of cash-on-hand...

☒ **Governor:** Dan Lungren(R) \$2,599,751; Al Checchi(D) \$3 million; Kathleen Connell(D) \$1,005,645; Gray Davis(D) \$3.7 million. No committees for either Dianne Feinstein(D) or Leon Panetta(D)...

☒ **Lt. Governor:** Phil Angelides(D) \$615,762; Sonny Bono(R) \$34,141 + \$3,058; Tim Leslie(R) \$513,930; Richard Mountjoy(R) \$24,163...

☒ **Attorney General:** Michael Capizzi(R) \$3,383; David Stirling(R) \$91,407; Charles Calderon(D) \$240,599; Bill Lockyer(D) \$2.65 million; Lynn Schenk(D) \$51,044; and Quentin Kopp(I) \$268,153...

☒ **Treasurer:** Jim Brulte(R) \$32,048. If Matt Fong(R) seeks reelection, he'll have a warchest of \$1.15 million. Angelides(D) might run here if Fong doesn't...

☒ **State Supt. of Public Inst:** Delaine Eastin(D) \$214,648; Brooks Firestone(R) \$14,646...

...Incumbent SOS Bill Jones(R) has a small warchest of \$45,225. There was no committee filing for IC Chuck Quackenbush(R). Other individuals who had \$100,000 or more in their accounts: State Sen. Ken Maddy(R) \$492,379; State Sen. Maurice Johannessen(R) \$200,000; and U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell(R) \$370,604. Stay tuned...

PART 5: PUBLIC FUNDING OF SPORTS FACILITIES

Editor's note: In Part IV, we focused on the battle between L.A. and Inglewood over the NBA's Lakers and the NHL's Kings. This week, we'll provide some info about a new legislative committee which is being formed to deal with professional sports franchises in Calif. And we'll briefly update the situation in San Francisco and Sacramento...

☐ **State Capitol.** As Calpeek reported recently, Assemblyman Don Perata(D-Alameda) will chair the Select Cmt. on Professional Sports. Perata has asked

Assembly Speaker Cruz Bustamante to appoint a 9-member panel, with the members coming from the 5 geographical areas of CA which currently have professional sports franchises: Oakland, S.F., Sacramento, L.A. and San Diego. (Don't know what happened San Jose, but they do have the NHL Sharks)...

...The committee's task would focus on the economic impact of pro sports on local, regional and the State economies. In addition, the panel would take a long look at public funding of professional sports facilities. Perata has not requested additional funding and says that his existing staff can handle all the work. No word on when the Speaker will appoint the committee, but sources say it will be soon...

❑ In San Francisco, a slight hitch has developed in the 49er's plan for a new \$525 million football stadium & shopping mall in the Bayview area. Respected city financial analyst Harvey Rose says the deal may not be completely revenue neutral and that the plan could cost taxpayers \$4.5 million per year in general fund monies to pay off \$100 million in revenue bonds the city would put up as part of the deal to keep the 49ers. The problem has to do with sales tax projections. Needless to say, Mayor Willie Brown and 49ers political consultant Jack Davis weren't happy campers when word of Rose's report became public. There's no election date as yet, but it will happen. The 49ers have said many times they won't play in Candlestick Park after their lease ends in 2006...

❑ In Sacramento, the deal between King's owner Jim Thomas and the city is still up in the air. While the city has agreed to loan Thomas \$70 million (with part of team being used as collateral), Thomas is now in negotiations with Arco to see if they'll give him more money for the use of their name on his arena. If they can't reach an agreement, Thomas may back out of the city deal and move the team. That's hardball, not basketball. Stay tuned...

CA SEC. OF STATE JONES AT COMSTOCK CLUB.

Calif. Sec. of State Bill Jones(R) will discuss the State of Calif. elections when he addresses members of The Comstock Club at 12 noon, Feb. 26, Red Lion's Sacramento Inn (Yosemite Room). For info ☎(916) 485-6494...

THE LEGAL FILE: CASES WITH POLITICAL IMPACT.

Editor's note: Here's an update on some legal cases that **Calpeek** has been following...

◆ ***Former L.A. Co. Supe Indicted*** - This is a shocker. Pete Schabarum has been indicted by the county grand jury on 2 counts of embezzlement, 1 count of perjury and 3 counts of state tax evasion. He's accused of embezzling \$50,000 from the Foundation for Citizen Representation, a non-profit group which he heads, and using the money for personal travel. Schabarum's attorney denies any wrongdoing. Arraignment is set for March 14th...

◆ ***L.A. City Pays for Cop*** - The City of L.A. has settled a lawsuit filed by Peter J. Mackler who said that L.A. police beat him during a gay rights demonstration aimed at Gov. Pete Wilson back in 1991. The city paid Mackler \$87,000 for being hit by Officer David Peck (IDed by Mackler) with a baton after Mackler asked for his badge number. Mackler isn't just any ordinary person. He's on the staff of State Senate President Pro Tem Bill Lockyer in L.A. FYI: Officer Peck (who was named in the lawsuit) is no longer with the LAPD, according to Mackler's attorney...

◆ ***Lawsuit Against Boland Dropped*** - For the record. According to a news release from former 21st SD candidate Paula Boland(R), a libel lawsuit by her primary opponent, Bob Oltman, has been dropped. This dismissal terminates the legal action by Oltman, according to Boland's statement...

CA REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION FEB. 21 - 23.

The CA Republican Party(CRP) will hold its organizational convention at the Hyatt Hotel and the Sacramento Convention Center Feb. 21-23. The keynote speakers for the CRP convention are Gov. Pete Wilson, AG Dan Lungren and GOP consultant Lyn Nofziger. For info contact Victoria Herrington ☎(510)939-3723...

CALIF. CHIEF JUSTICE RONALD GEORGE TO SPEAK.

CA Chief Justice Ronald George will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., Feb. 28, Sheraton Palace Hotel in S.F. George's speech is titled, "Accessible Courts: The Challenge Ahead." For info ☎(415)597-6705...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ **Media Watch** - The old definition of intelligence: hearing the *William Tell Overture* and **not** thinking of the Lone Ranger. Today, the new definition is this: you listened to Pres. Bill Clinton's Feb. 4th State of Union address and didn't channel surf or think about the O.J. Simpson verdict until **after** the presidential address. Too bad most tv stations in L.A. dumped the President's speech in favor of the O.J. coverage. FYI: O.J. is still the hottest topic on talk radio --- and by listening to talk radio one realizes that the recent L.A. Times poll was right on the money in terms of racial divisions. LAT survey showed that **71%** of Whites, but only **10%** of Blacks thought Simpson was guilty. What does this mean? The Simpson murder case has again opened a festering wound between Blacks & Whites --- not only in L.A., but across the U.S...

■ **Hermandad vs. L.A. Times** - In its current fight against the L.A. Times' coverage of the ongoing DA's probe of illegal registration/voting activity in Orange Co., Hermandad Mexicana Nacional has picked up the support of a key group: the Orange Co. Central Labor Council, HQed in Santa Ana and representing 150,000 active and retired AFL-CIO members living in the county. The council's executive board & delegates voted to support HMN's call for a **boycott** of the newspaper. HMN has been supportive of labor causes in the past and this was pay back time. FYI: this is a very interesting development and our sources think it may signal something much more significant...

■ **Newt's Numbers** - U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich(R-GA) has some absolutely terrible polling numbers --- and so do House Republicans, who re-elected him Speaker *before* the Ethics Cmt. finished its probe of his activities. According to a NY Times/CBS Poll (Jan. 14-17, 1,307 adults), only **24%** believe the House Republicans did the right thing, while **70%** disapproved of reelecting Gingrich as speaker before the ethics committee issued its report...

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NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Former Demo Assembly Leader Richard Katz has opened his own consulting firm, 15456 Ventura Blvd., 5th Floor, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. ☎(818)995-8575...
- Former legislative aide Jimmy Yee has opened his own pa/pr/political firm: Yankee Communications, 240 Bonita Rd., Bakersfield, CA 93305. ☎(805)334-1776...
- L.A. Co. Sup. Gloria Molina(D) has been named vice chair of the DNC...
- Christine Wei-li Lee is named mgr. of communications for Century City-based Korn/Ferry International's Asia Pacific Region. She was with the L.A. office of Stoorza, Ziegus & Metzger...

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